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Letter dated 12 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of continued violations of the ceasefire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side between 28 April and 21 June 2000, as shown in the list annexed hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Iranian violations of the ceasefire and the 1991 Tehran agreement, 28 April-21 June 2000

1. **28 April 2000**

The Honduran tanker *Victory II* was attacked by Iranian boats between the Mina' al-Bakr area and Mina' Khawr al-Amayyah. Elements boarded the tanker, where all entrances were blocked, and attempted to bring it to a halt. After failing to do so, they shot at the bridge. The master changed course in the direction of Iraq in an attempt to return to Mina' Khawr al-Zubayr so as to rid himself of the attackers, and the Iranians jumped from the deck of the tanker and headed for the Iranian shore in their boats.

2. **27 April 2000**

An Iranian naval craft carrying persons armed with light machine-guns and a DShK machine-gun and speaking Persian intercepted and searched an Iraqi fishing boat (No. 5495/Basrah) near the Tayyibah and Mina' al-Amayyah area. They took the boat and its crew (namely Ahmad Za'lan, Sa'id Mashtar, Umar Abd al-Rida and Haydar Za'lan) to an unknown destination.

3. **28/29 April 2000**

At 1750 hours an Iranian patrol consisting of seven soldiers fired two tube-launched rockets at the personnel of Iraq's Mimak post.

4. **29 April 2000**

At 2000 hours a group of armed Iranians approached the boundaries of the Mimak post at coordinates 8517 (1:100,000 map of Mandali) and shot at it with GC assault rifles before running away.

5. **10 May 2000**

At 1900 hours three Land Cruiser vehicles each carrying two or three persons were seen with a Poclain backhoe at coordinates 9109. The Poclain set about digging in search of bodies. It transpired that a 50-metre length of the earth embankment had been excavated.

6. **10 May 2000**

Five or six Iranians wearing traditional black *sarawil* trousers approached the Iraqi boundary line in the area near Iraq's Ta'mim post and Iran's Qashfah post. They turned back when an Iraqi herdsman fired several rounds into the air.

7. **11 May 2000**

At 2234 hours an Iranian boat approached and fired on our units at coordinates 650110 and was engaged. At 2300 hours the same area came under fire from the Iranian side in which two rifles were used. The elements involved were engaged, and they fled inside Iranian territory.

8. **12 May 2000**

At 1900 hours the Iranians began digging at coordinates 9109, and the work continued until 2000 hours. They then withdrew to the Iranian rear.

9. **13 May 2000**

At 2000 hours some Iranian positions opposite the Kasabah, Ma'amir and Faw areas opened fired intermittently. Some of the rounds fired reached the Iraqi side of the Shatt al-Arab.

10. **14 May 2000**

At 2100 hours some Iranian positions began intermittently to strafe the sector on the Iranian side opposite the Dawrah post and the Amir dock. The shooting stopped at 0530 hours on the next day.

11. **14 May 2000**

At 2300 hours the Iranians, using light weapons, began to fire indiscriminately and intermittently in the reedbed area on the eastern bank of the Shatt al-Arab opposite the Iraqi units at coordinates 540230. Three rounds impacted in the Ma'amir area at coordinates 537228. The shooting stopped at 0100 hours on the next day.

12. **15/16 May 2000**

The Iranians strafed the area near Iraq's Nasr post with intense medium-weapons fire. On the same night they sent frequent border patrols along the border strip in the area.

13. **17/18 May 2000**

The Iranians engaged in indiscriminate firing. Near the boat anchorage in the Shatt al-Arab an Iraqi citizen, A'id Faysal Sultan Laftah al-Khaffaji, was hit by two rounds, one in the front of the right leg and the other in the thigh.

14. **18 May 2000**

At 1000 hours a khaki-coloured helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian rear towards Mehran at coordinates 0965. It reconnoitred the border strip before returning to the Iranian rear.

15. **22 May 2000**

At 1700 hours an engineering unit consisting of a single excavator was seen building a mound on the earth embankment opposite the Fada'iyah area at coordinates 519425. A machine-gun was installed there.

16. **23 May 2000**

At 1200 hours six Iranian helicopters were seen flying at high altitude inside Iranian airspace in the Muhammarah-Abadan area.

17. **23 May 2000**

At 1900 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen flying inside Iranian airspace in the Abadan area. It then withdrew to the Iranian rear.

18. **23 May 2000**

The sound of mines exploding inside Iranian territory was heard intermittently in the area opposite the Khalid post in the Badrah sector.

19. **23 May 2000**

At 2000 hours personnel from the Iranian post opposite the Hasan al-Askari post in the Zurbatiyah sector fired several machine-gun rounds within a short period of time.

20. **24 May 2000**

At 1700 hours Iranian patrols detained two Iraqi fishermen when their boat was drawn to the Iranian side by a fast current while they were fishing opposite the Fatlawiyah area. They were Muhammad Sabri Khudayr and Mahmud Ahmad. They were released on 29 May.

21. **25 May 2000**

At 0900 hours 10 Iranian soldiers were seen digging two positions on the earth embankment opposite the Fada'iyah area, one at coordinates 520415 and the other at coordinates 520410 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). The positions have yet to be manned.

22. **25 May 2000**

At 0545 hours Iranian boats carrying military personnel armed with GC assault rifles seized three Iraqi fishing boats carrying seven civilians while they were fishing in the Shatt al-Arab opposite Faw and took them to the Iranian side. At 0610 hours on the same day three persons were released while the other four and the boats continue to be held.

23. **25 May 2000**

At 0500 hours six Iranian fishing boats being operated by a number of Iranian soldiers in the Shatt al-Arab opposite the Nahiyat al-Khalij area seized three Iraqi fishing boats and abducted the four Iraqi fishermen on board. Then they abandoned the boats, leaving one person in each.

24. **27 May 2000**

At 0600 hours an Iranian fibreglass boat with a 48-horsepower motor and with three persons in civilian dress on board tried to approach the Iraqi shore of the Shatt al-Arab at coordinates 334230 (1:100,000 map of Faw).

25. **27 May 2000**

At 1200 hours, using a Poclain excavator, the Iranians began searching for bodies on their own side of the boundary embankment and opposite the Iraqi units.

26. **28 May 2000**

At 0330 hours some of the Iranian positions on the Iranian shore of the Shatt al-Arab began to engage in indiscriminate firing. One round fell on an Iraqi fisherman, Lu'ayy Isma'il Hamid, who was on the Iraqi shore in the Duwayb area at coordinates 440506. He was evacuated and taken to hospital.

27. **28 May 2000**

At 1045 hours a khaki-coloured Iranian helicopter was seen inside Iranian territory changing direction opposite the Ayn al-Abd and Zayyadi posts. At 1055 hours it returned to the Iranian rear.

28. **28 May 2000**

At 0930 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen coming from the rear and flying over the border strip opposite the Iraqi units in the Badrah area. At 0935 hours it returned to the Iranian rear.

29. **29 May 2000**

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit began to build a structure 20 metres long and six metres high near the pillar bridge at coordinates 597176 (1:100,000 map of Mina' al-Bakr). The unit erected new uprights and roofed them over with corrugated iron. The unit consisted of three cement mixers, one hoist, three dumpers and eight workmen in civilian dress.

30. **30 May 2000**

At 0800 hours five Iranian vehicles, three of them Land Cruiser saloons, were seen at the Iranian post opposite Iraq's post in the Zurbatiyah area. The personnel reconnoitred the area around the post, and the vehicles then returned to the Iranian post.

31. **2 June 2000**

At 1000 hours two khaki-coloured Gazelle helicopters were seen approaching from the Iranian rear at an altitude of 300 metres and landing at coordinates 5058 opposite Iran's Fakkah post. Six military personnel alighted from each of them. Eight khaki-coloured pick-up trucks, a Land Cruiser saloon and a Hino bus then proceeded to coordinates 5150 opposite Iran's Tawus post. At 1600 hours the helicopters and the vehicles returned to the Iranian rear.

32. **19 and 21 June 2000**

At different times a number of khaki-coloured Iranian helicopters were seen flying along the border strip opposite our units, one of them at coordinates 2666 (1:100,000 map of Mandali) and another coming from Sumar, passing the Shah of Iran Company and heading north.